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Don't forget to sign up on the reflector!!

From the President

I hope you've all had a great summer. We had an awesome meeting in August after taking July off - nearly 30 of you showed up including many first-timers. A lot of you brought in your projects and stories - it was a good thing we didn't have a program or we may not have gotten to them all. I'm thrilled that all of you are active in building, sharing, and learning about the technical side of radio.

Our next meeting is Saturday, September 8th, 1:30 pm where Bob Brock, K9OSC, will be sharing about a HF vertical he built for his portable operations. I think you will find it very practical and hopefully you will be inspired to build your own and take it on an expedition to a park, vacation, or even your backyard. Remember to also bring any projects you've been working on to share.

Per the requests of the group we have added a couple of things to the website. First, the membership list (name and callsign) has been added under the "Club Membership" tab. Second, we now have links to members websites under the "Links" tab. If you would like to add yours also please let me know.

Thanks for your continued support of our club. I've had some wonderful feedback and you are all to be congratulated on making this a top-notch club.

73 de chuck ka8hde

August 4, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Chuck, KA8HDE, presided at 1:30.

Introductions were made around the table. Dave, W0RU, introduced his friends who just received their licenses – Bruno, KD0SKS, and Joseph, KD0SKR.

Minutes from the June 2, 2012 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: We have about \$700 in our account.

Old Business:

- Chuck, KA8HDE, reported that the membership list is now available on the club website www.mn-arts.org. He was also encouraged by the recent activity on the reflector.

- Field Day reports: Dave, W0RU, from deck at home QTH with K-2 and solar powered - Phil, N0OE, also worked from home with solar power and his ATS4 - Rob, K0CD, was with the St. Croix Valley Radio Club – John, KJ0P, worked CW with the TCFMC site in St. Louis Park – Mert, W0UFO, worked CW with the SPRC/Mining Club.
- Dave, WB7DRU, has almost completed the certificates of appreciation and hopes to have them ready to share at the September meeting.

New Business:

- Motioned made to move the September meeting to September 8th because the 1st Saturday is Labor Day weekend. MSC.
- Chuck, KA8HDE, shared that we were starting the paperwork to become ARRL affiliated and that we hope to have that finalized this fall for approval.
- Chuck also asked that if anyone had suggestions for future presentations, please let us know.

Business meeting adjourned at 1:50.

Show & Tell:

- John, KJ0P, showed a SW Loop antenna he recently purchased with a built in tuner and amplifier.



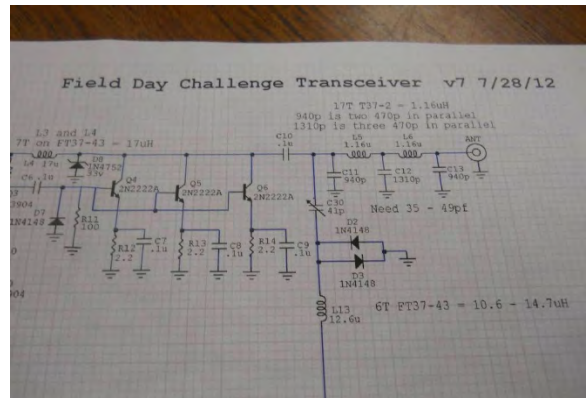
- Bob, K9OSC, shared his K-1 which he built over the summer. He also made a custom wood base for it. He is hoping to do some park-expeditions with it this fall.

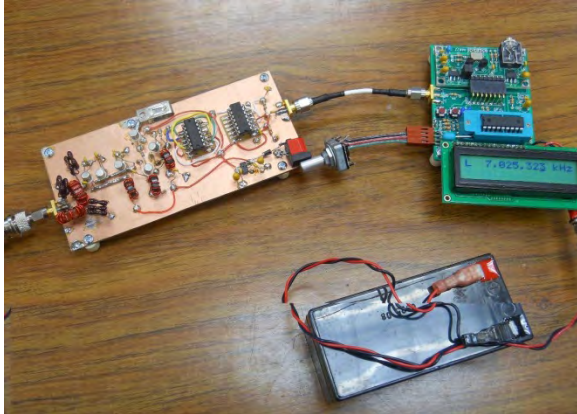


- Dave, W0RU, mentioned that Mert, W0UFO, had an article in the most recent issue of QRP Quarterly on solar panels. Congratulations Mert!
- William, KC0NVM, shared a Geiger counter kit that he built from mightyohm.com.



- Craig, AA0ZZ, shared a few projects that he has been working on - Breadboard Radio "Splinter" QRPp receiver-transmitter kit from W4FSV – Elecraft XG3 Signal Source kit – and his field day challenge transceiver kit that he is developing (he used his Si570 daughter card in the development.) He wants to design a transceiver kit that can be built on field day and then use it to make one contact.





- Russ, K0WFS, shared his Red Hot QRP transceiver that he recently built.



- Chuck, KA8HDE, brought in his Heathkit HW-8 that he recently bought from ebay.
- Dave, W0RU, shared that he made an Aurora CW QSO on 6 meters with a station in IA.
- Dave, WB7DRU, talked about attending the Central States VHF Group Forum in Cedar Rapids, IA last month.
- Stan, AE0SL, brought in his 4State Group QRPoMeter kit that he has been working on.
- Rob, K0CD, brought in a high power tuner he is building.





Respectfully submitted,

Chuck, KA8HDE, for Steve, NW0C

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